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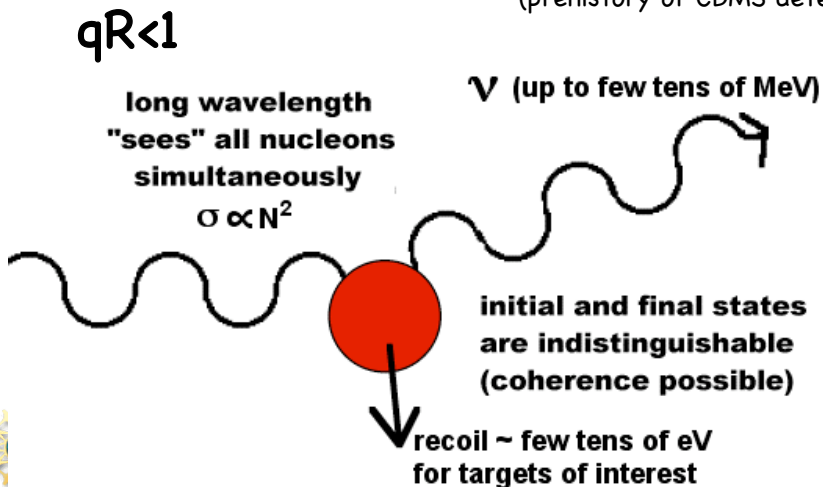
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Cabrera, Krauss & Wilczek
Phys. Rev. Lett. 55, 25-28 (1985)
(prehistory of CDMS detectors)



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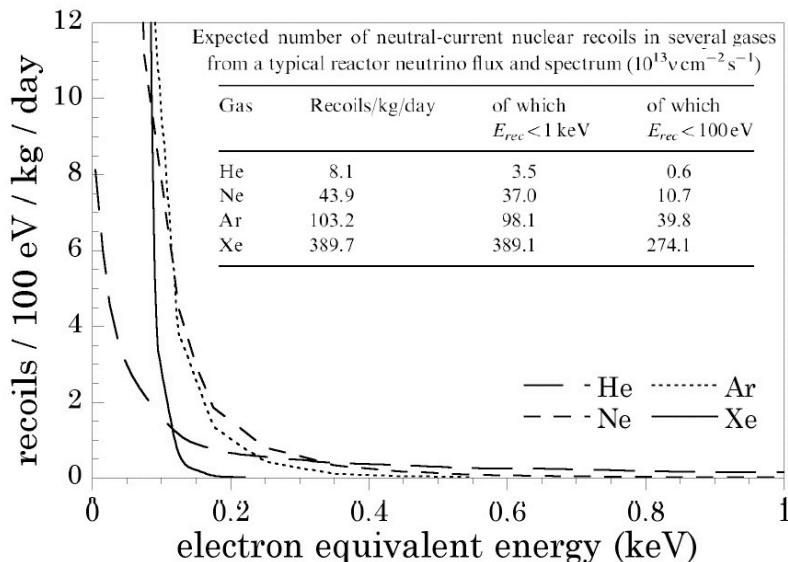
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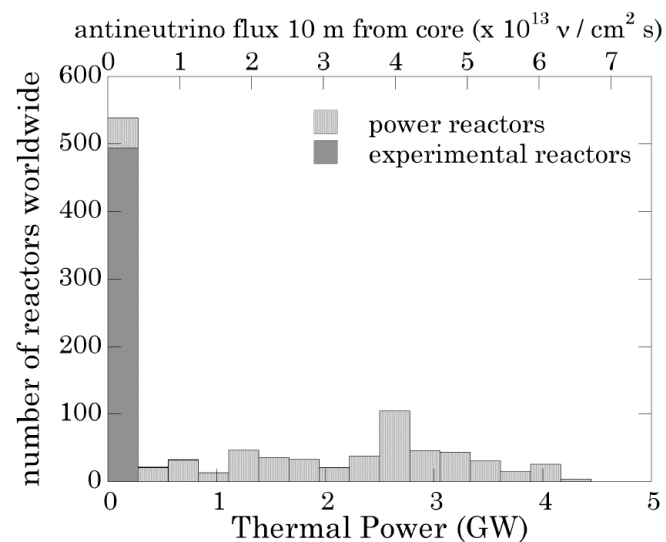
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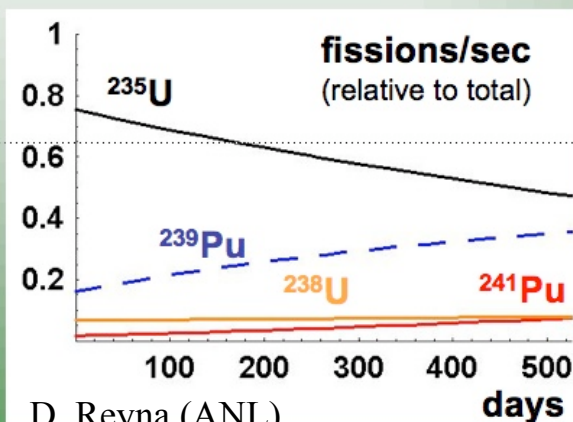
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As Reactor Fuel Burns the Composition Changes



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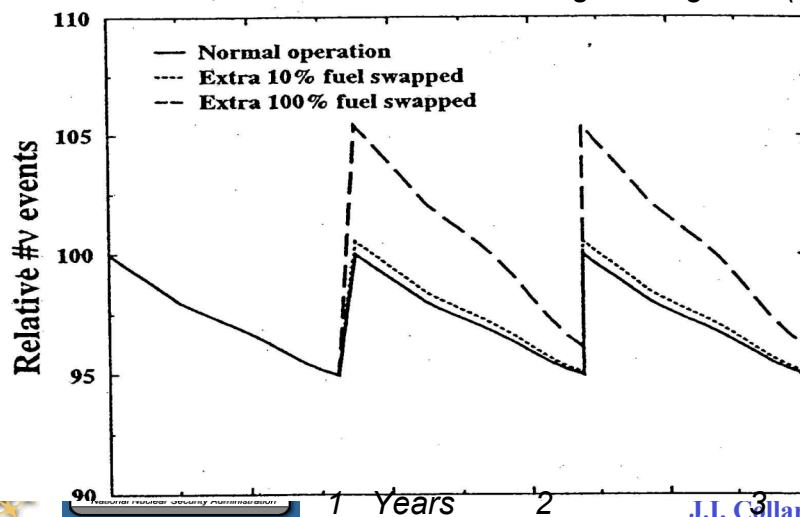
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Nieto et al., Nuclear Science and Engineering: **149** (2005)



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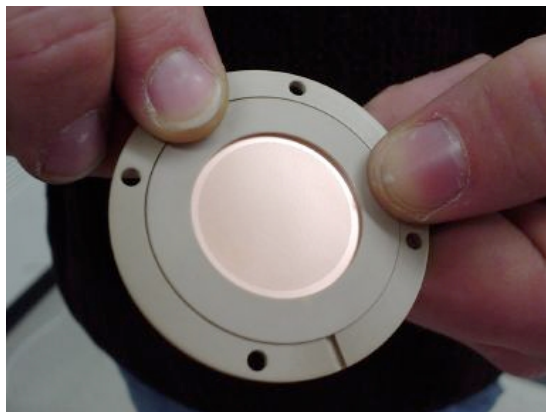
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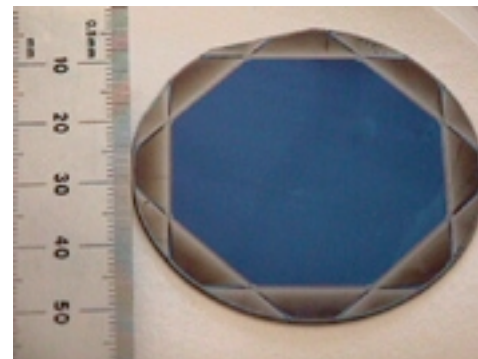


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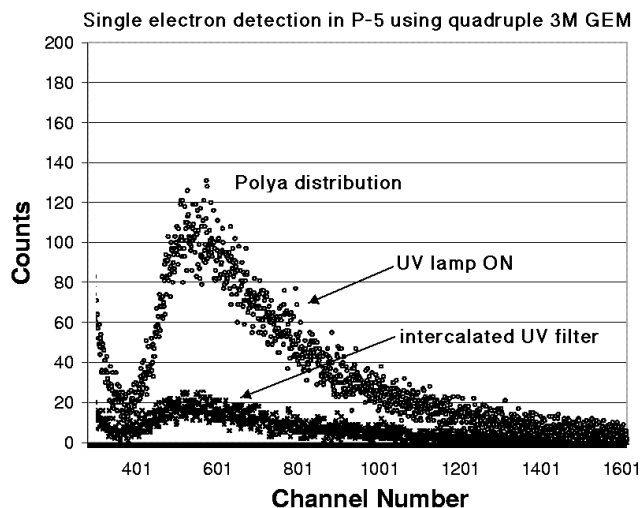
Three legged stool needed: mass, threshold, background



No "light-bulb" moment:
5 years of R&D at UC



**13 cm² APD on a 2 inch
diameter silicon wafer**



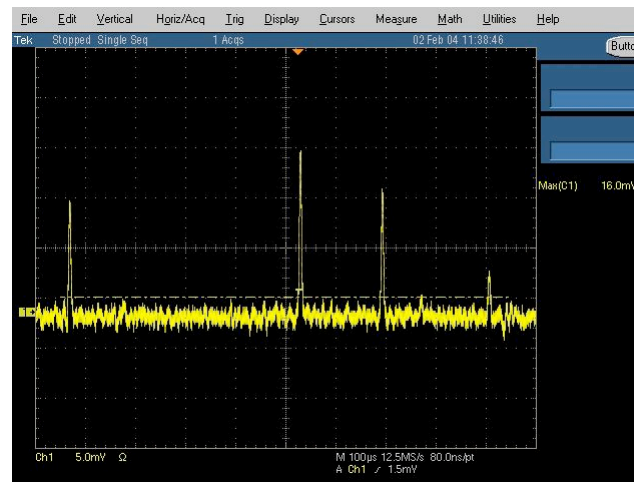
name-of-the-game:
detection of $\ll 1$ keV
recoils with large
(> 1 kg) detectors

(25 y and counting...
must use new
technologies or
at least alterations)

**Mass-produced 3M-UoC GEM and single-electron signals
from quadruple GEM**



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**Single-photon pulses using
LN₂ cooled LAAPDs (high QE)**

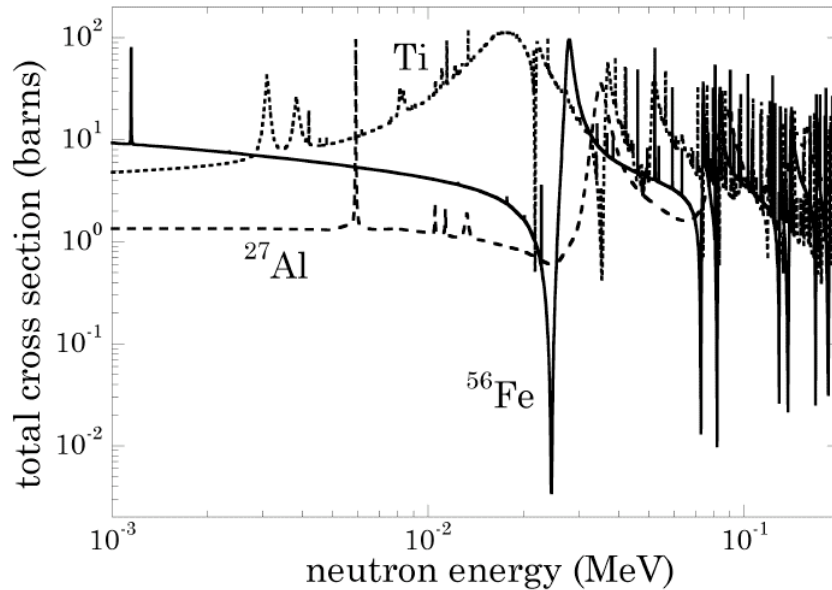


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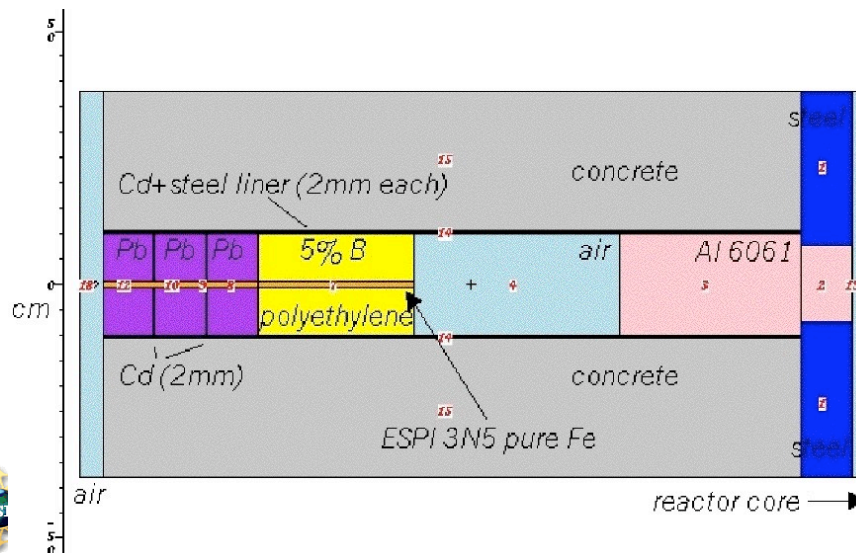
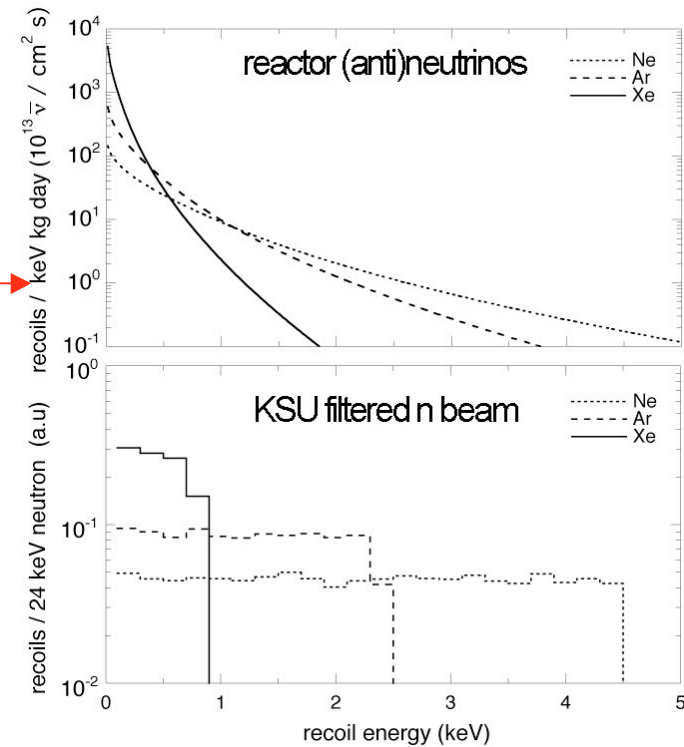
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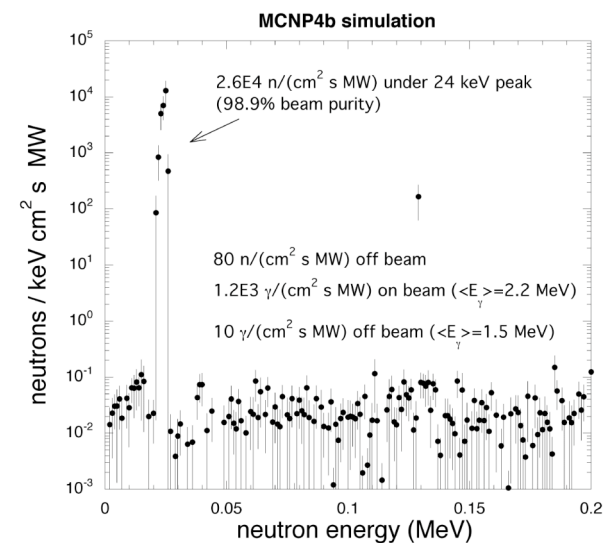


24 keV
n's
mimic
reactor
v's

Fe-Al
filter
+
Ti
post-
filter



MCNP
filter
design



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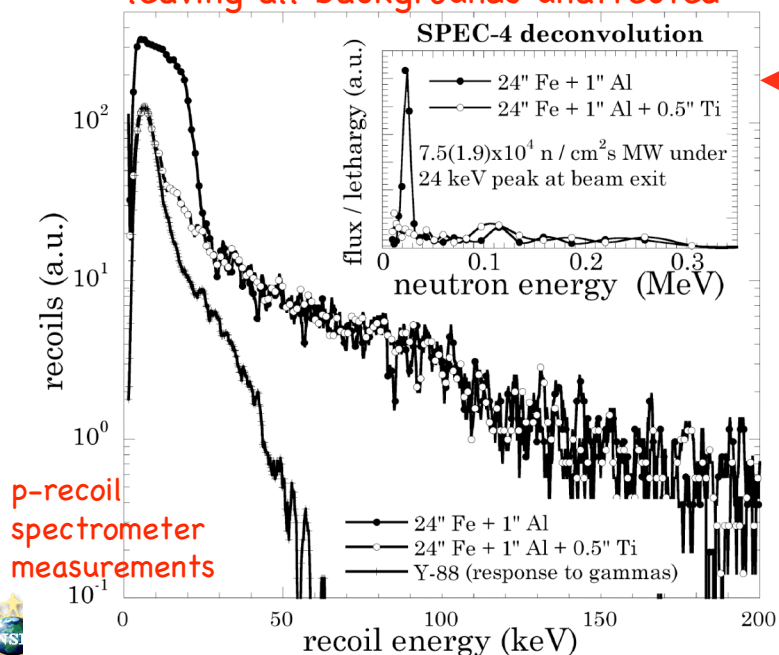


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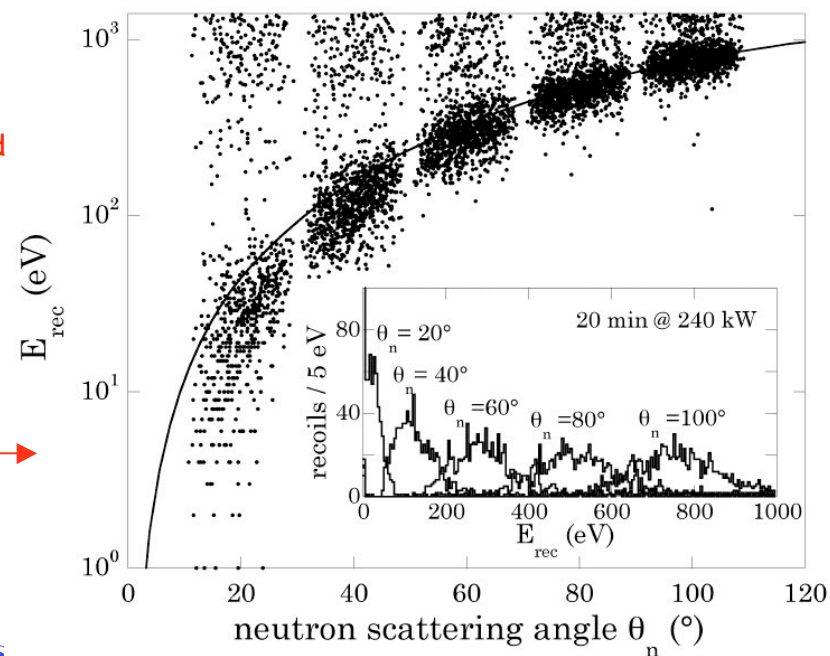
Ti post-filter "switches off" the recoils,
leaving all backgrounds unaffected



Beam
characterization
studies completed
2005
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Ideal to explore
sub-keV
recoil region

MCNP-POLIMI simulation





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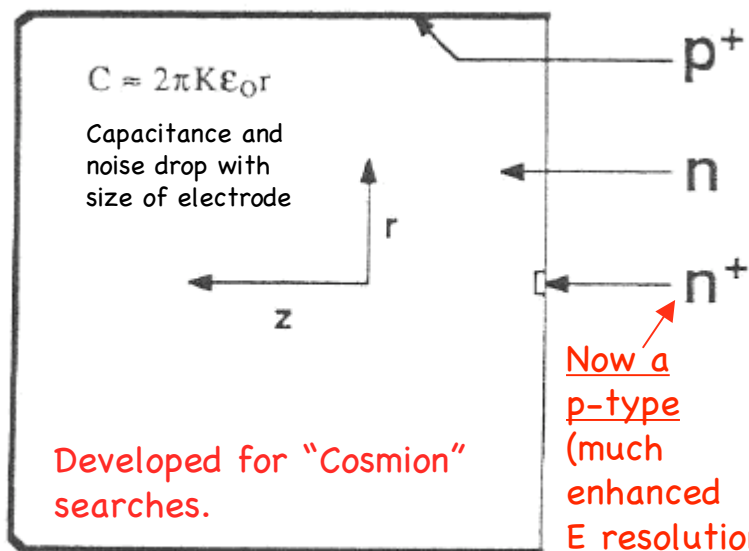


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Now a
p-type
(much
enhanced
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less sensitivity
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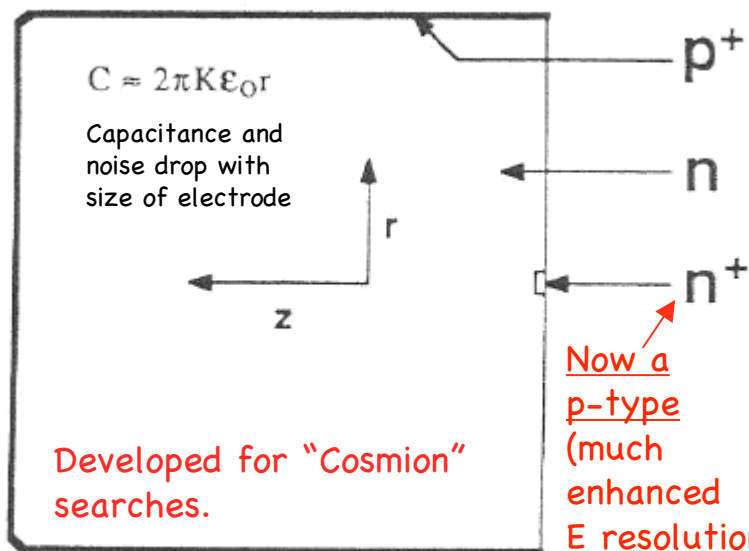


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The energy resolution and large mass of
a HPGe plus the noise and threshold of a tiny x-ray
detector???





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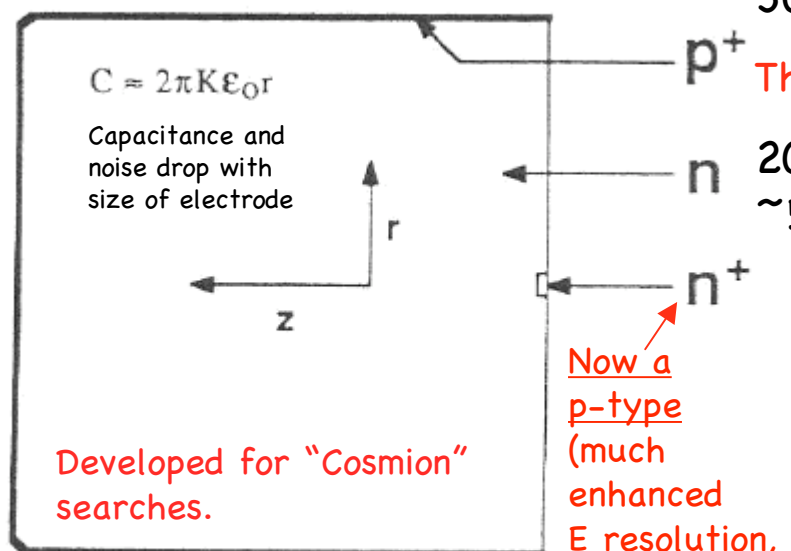


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~x10 less noise than
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(threshold equivalent to 5 g
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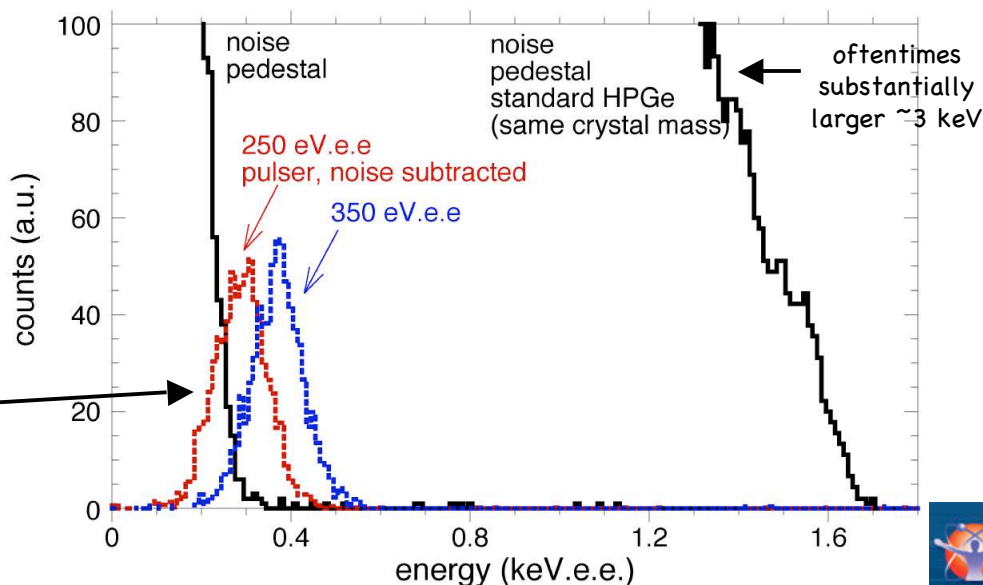
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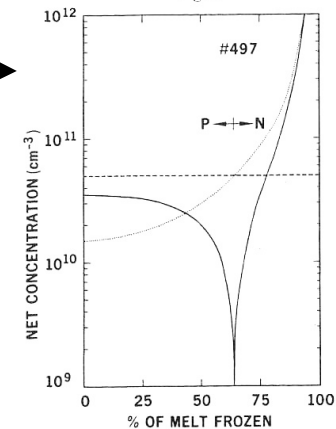


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Fig. 1



Net-shallow level concentration $[N_A - N_D]$ along the growth axis of an ultra-pure germanium single crystal. At the seed end (0% of melt frozen) the aluminium acceptor dominates, yielding the crystal *p*-type. Near the tail end the phosphorus concentration exceeds the aluminium concentration. $[N_A - N_D]$: continuous curve; aluminium concentration: dashed curve; phosphorus concentration: dotted curve.

Precise gradient of charged impurities along the axis needed to compensate for small electrode

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Subject: Re: update?

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To: "Juan I. Collar" <collar@uchicago.edu>

Date: Sat, 3 Dec 2005 16:41:10 -0500

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Hello Juan,

We just got the first results in and they seem to be outstanding. The pulse resolution is about 160eV(FWHM) and Co-60 is well under 2.0 KV(FWHM). The detector should be shipping from France soon- in time for Christmas. It is too late now to change hardware but this might be done in future.

Best regards, Orren

Developed during 2005
by CANBERRA/EURYSIS
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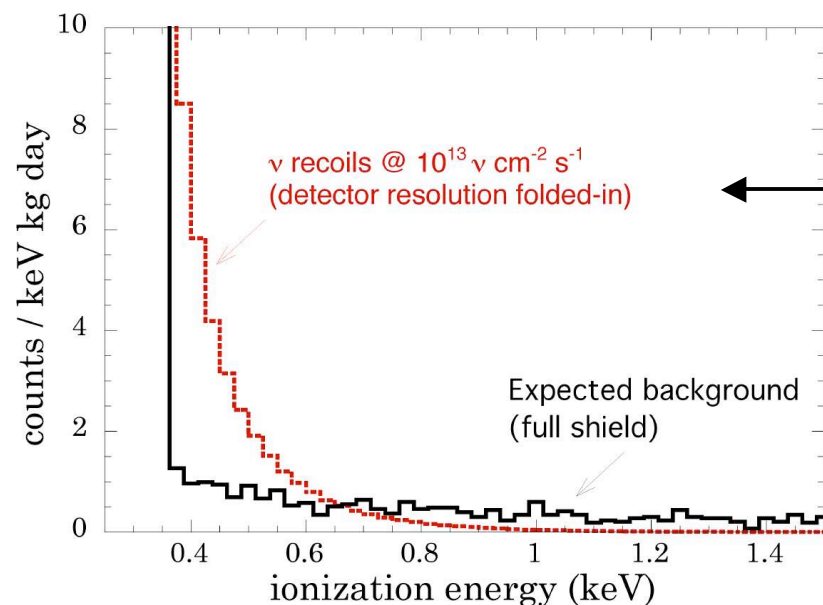


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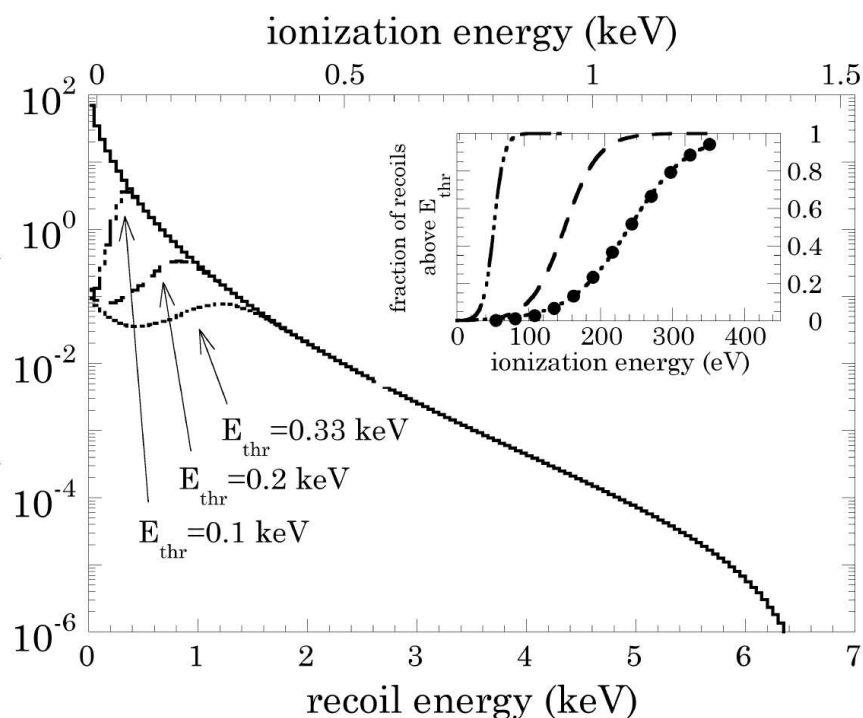
Mass and threshold in place for reactor experiment,
background... almost there
(anti-Compton shield & Al part replacement underway)



Expected antineutrino signal in reactor experiment with present detector. Background goal shown (scaled down from present status)

Presently 2.5 ν recoils/kg-day expected
Work on non-white noise can increase this to >30 ν recoils/kg-day
(limited by state-of-the-art JFET noise only)

recoils / 0.05 keV kg day
(@ $10^{13} \nu \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

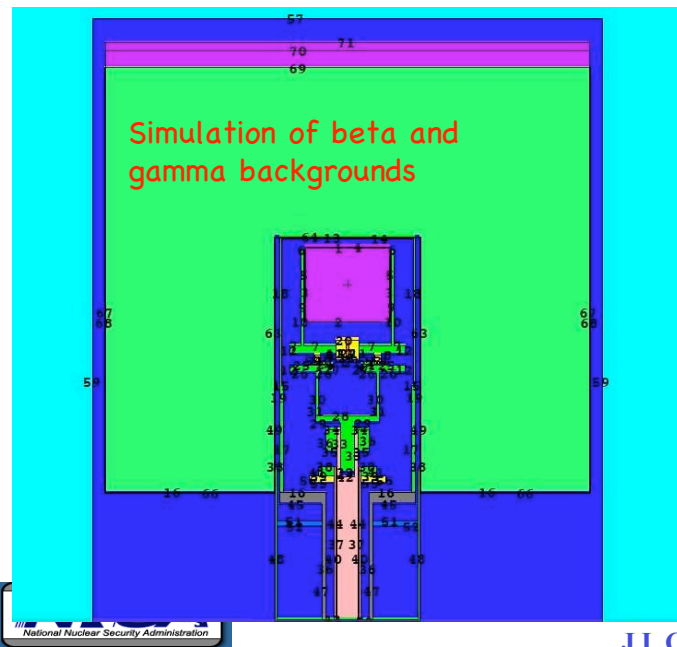
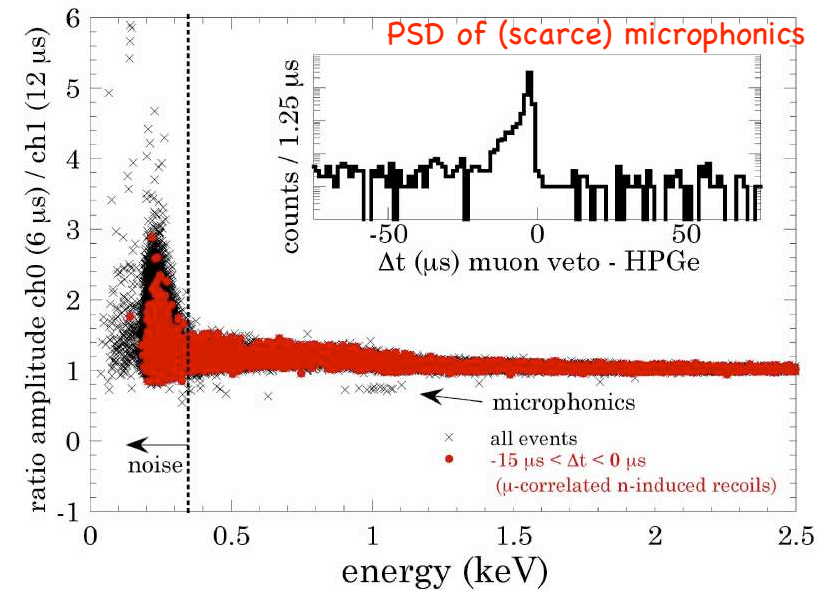
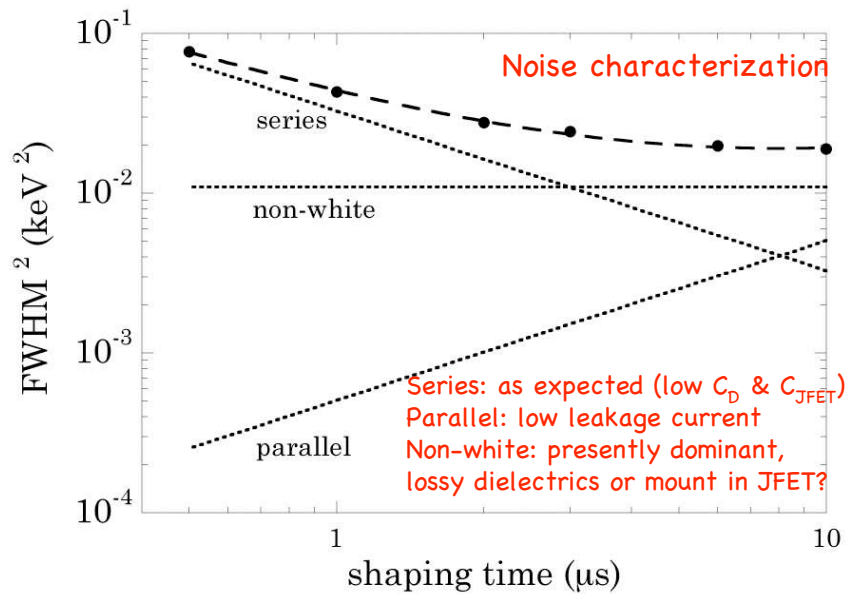


Silver lining: all of the signal concentrated in small ROI





Extensive detector characterization early 2006 (submitted to Phys. Rev. C)



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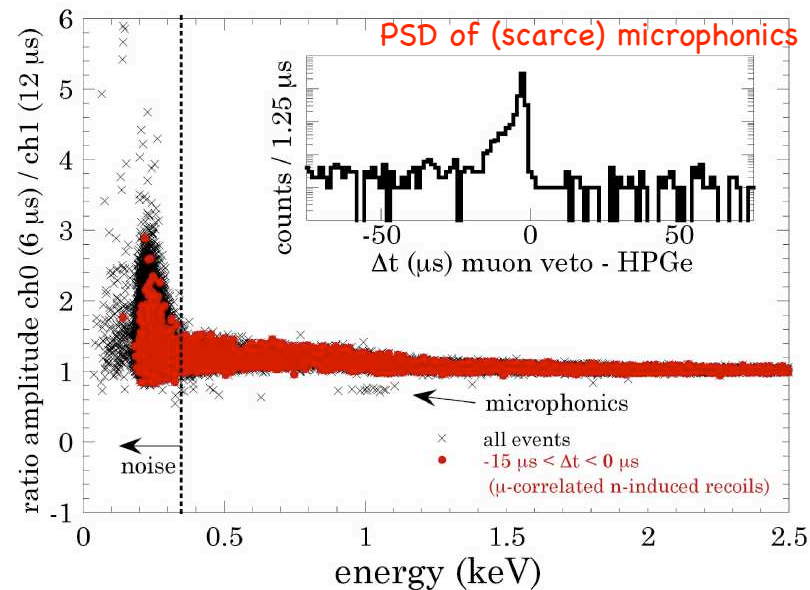
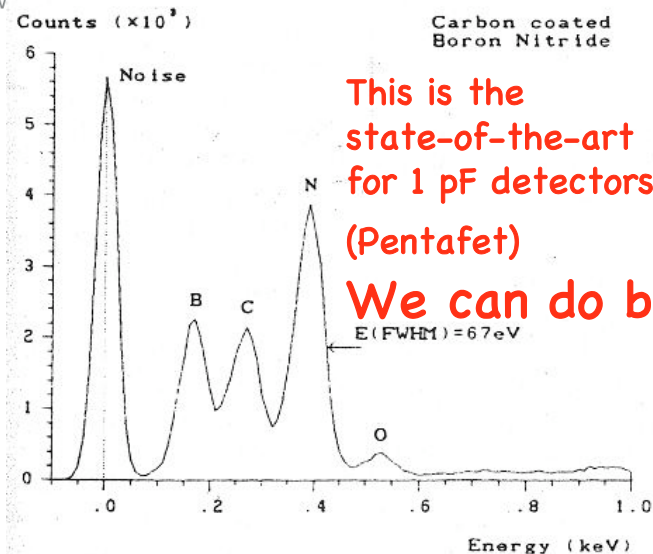
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We can do better



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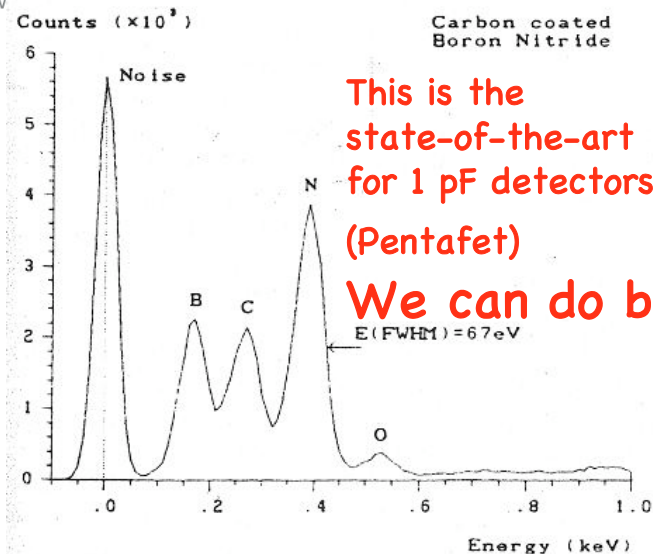


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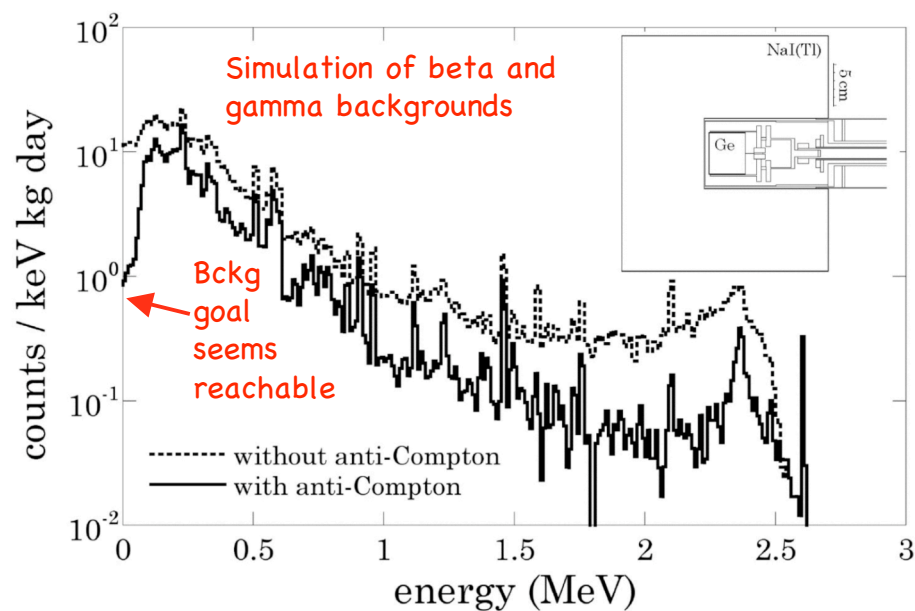
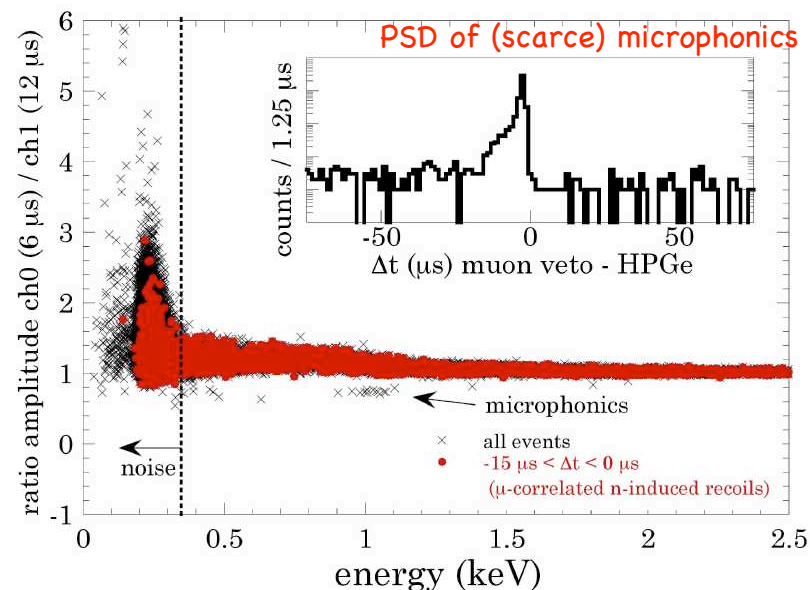


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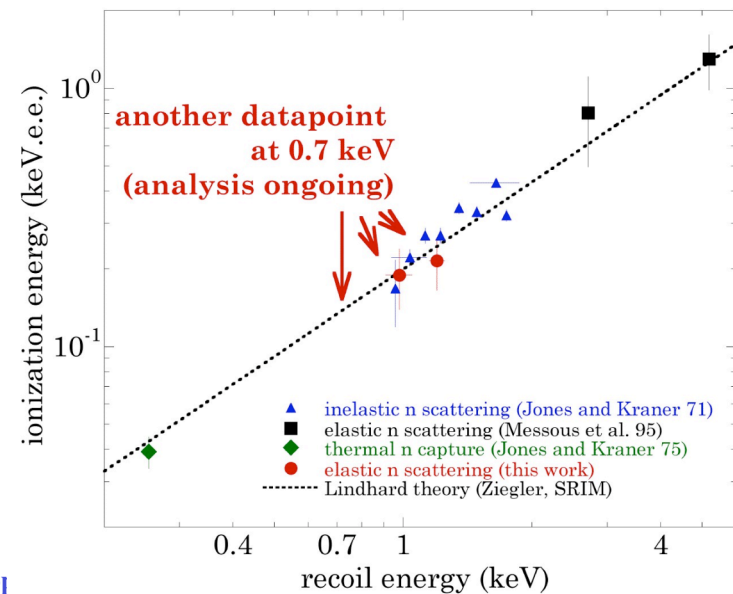
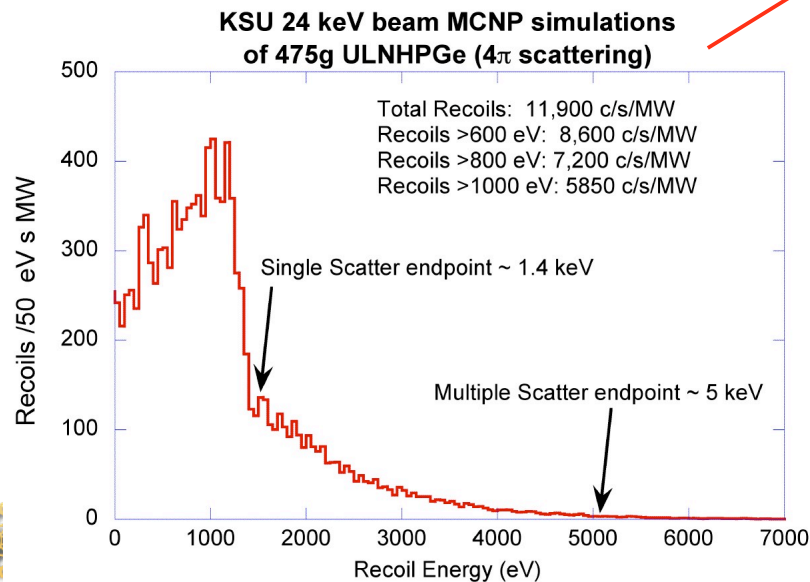
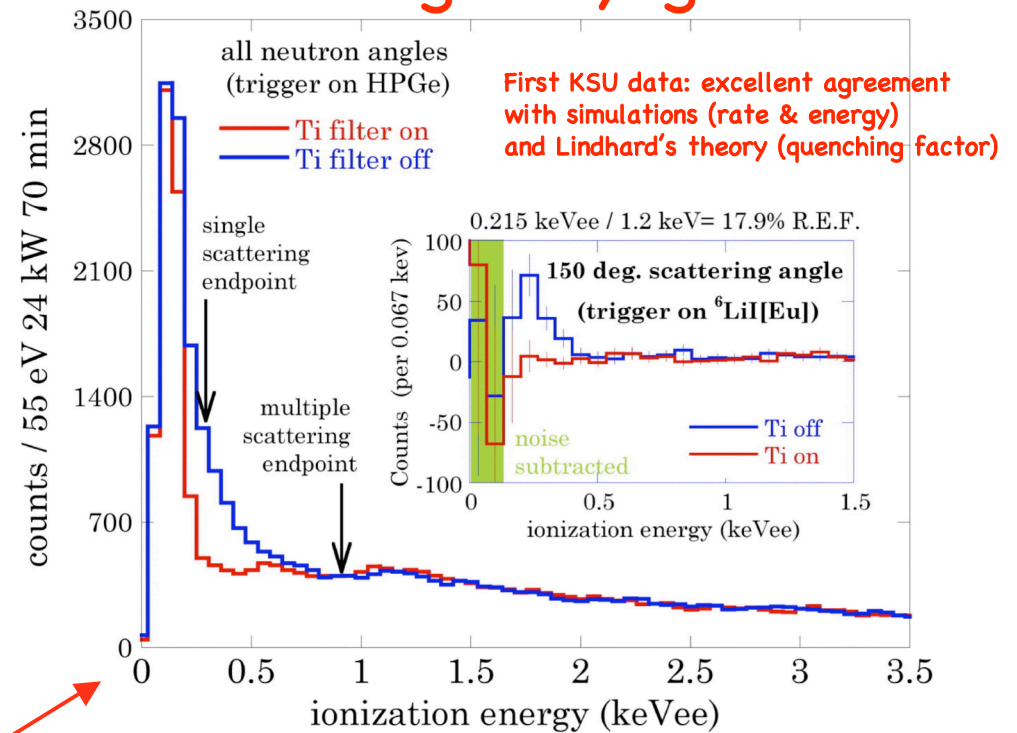


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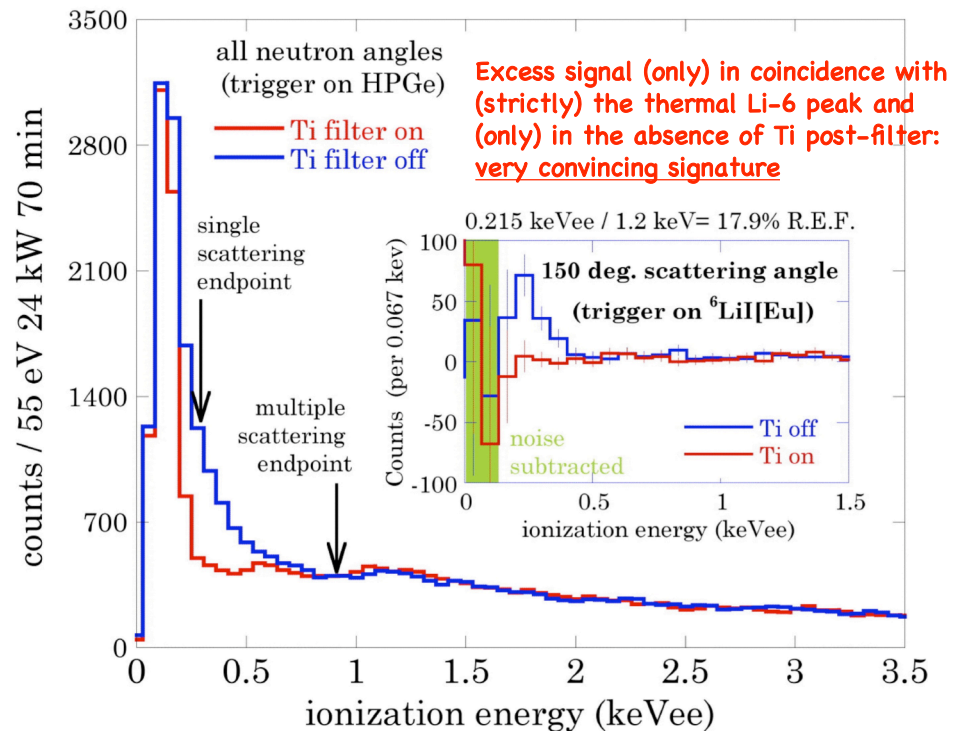
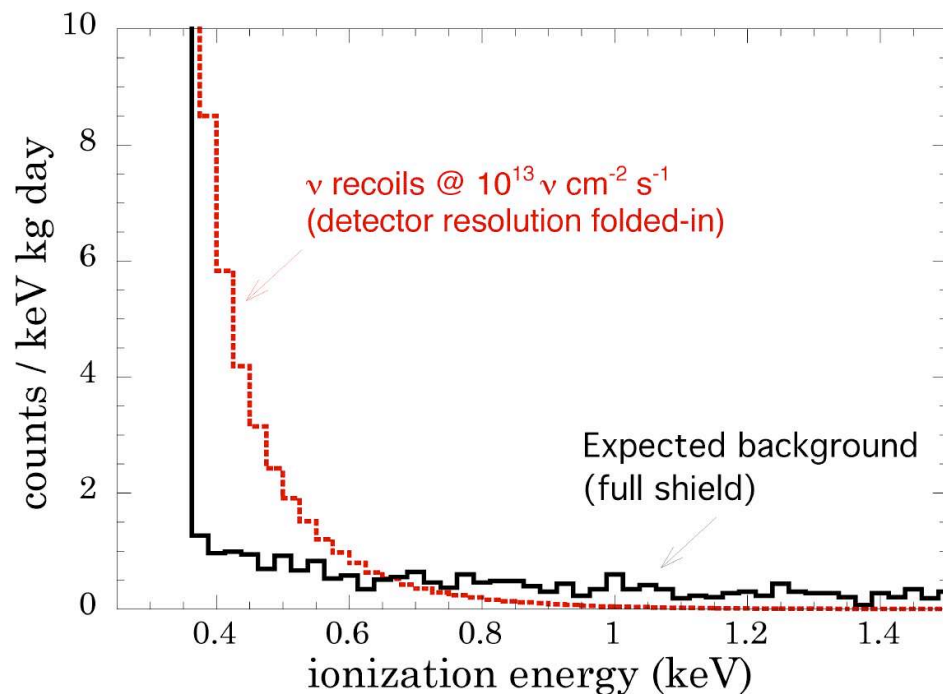




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Some recent news: looking very good...

Relevant ROI for power reactor experiment has been explored



Mass ✓

Threshold ✓

Background... (on it)



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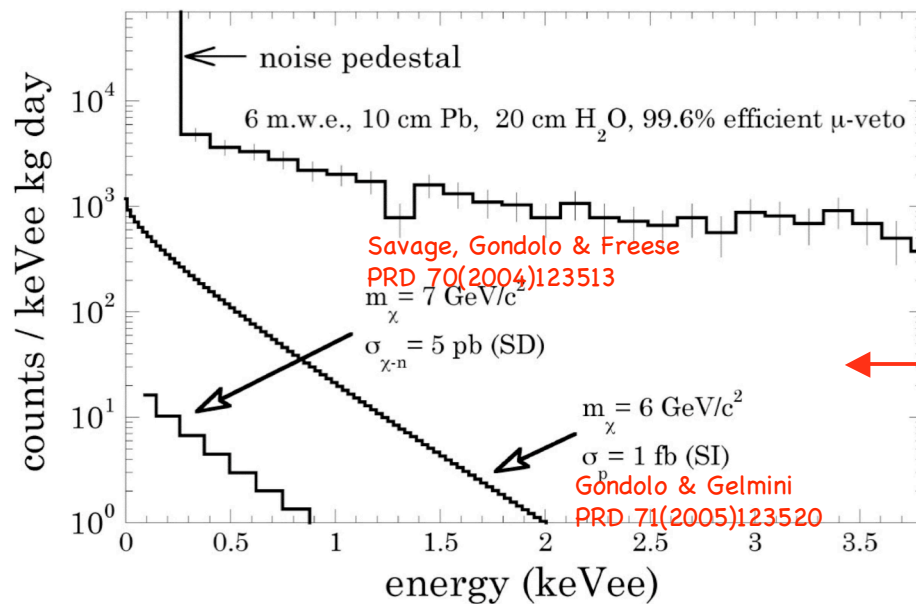
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Definitive check on DAMA soon
X50 improvement from clean Al, x10 from anti-Compton



First Physics
Results expected
Fall 06:

These light WIMPs
remain compatible
with DAMA &
all other searches
(accelerator bounds
are model-dependent)

Next: replacement
with <0.2 ppb U
cryostat, develop
low-bckg version
of anti-Compton
shield... and
deploy to
power reactor.



Nothing radioclean yet
(need cash! ☹)



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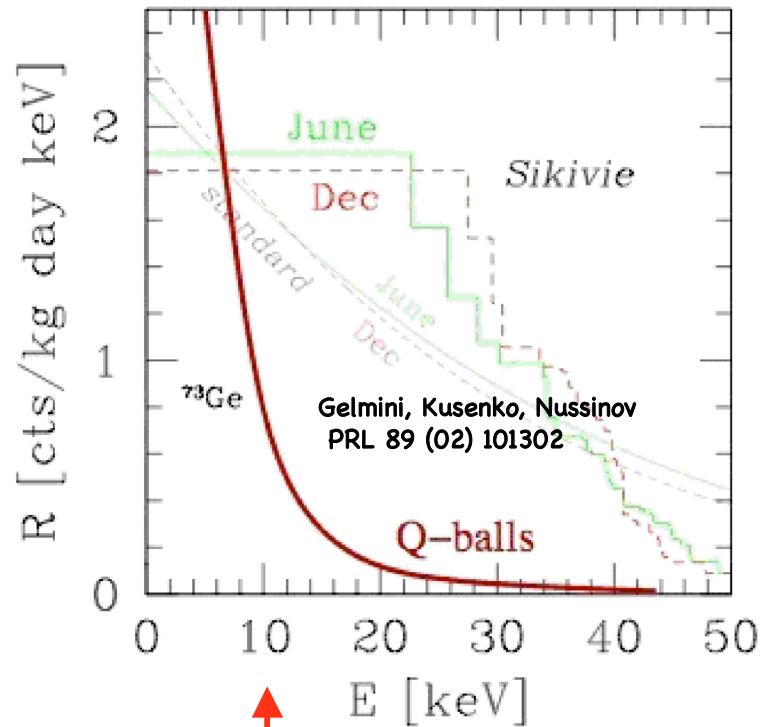


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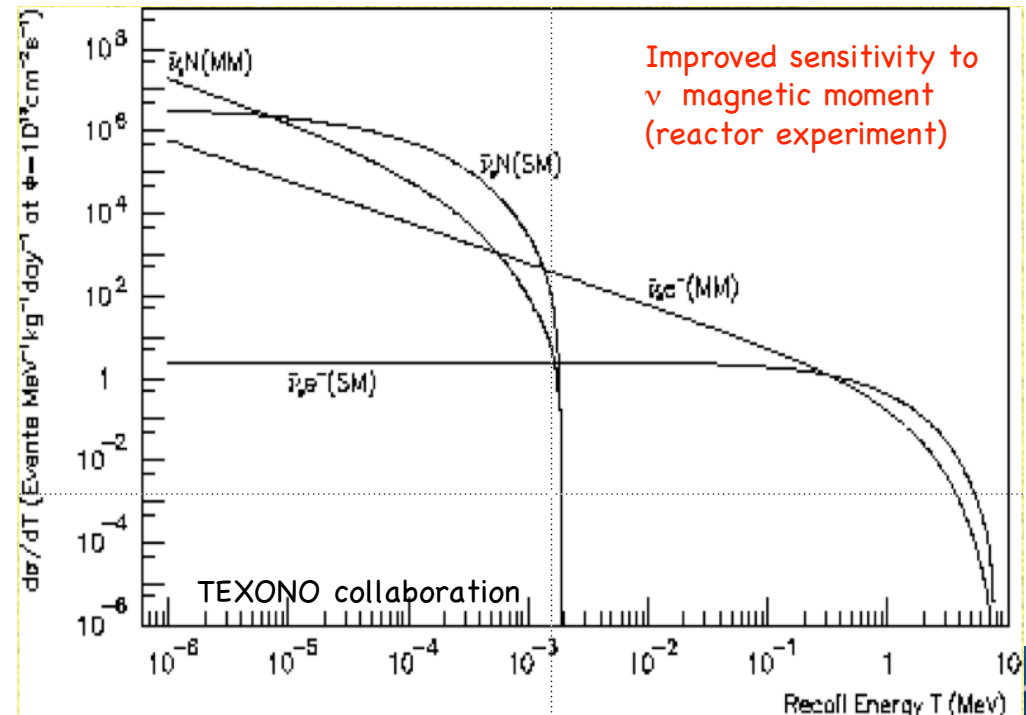
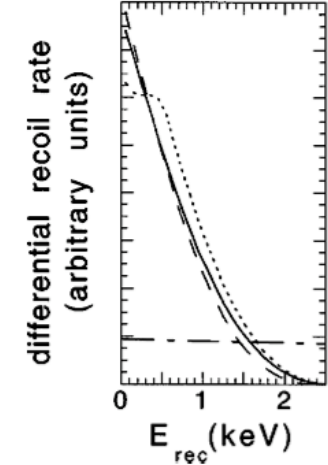
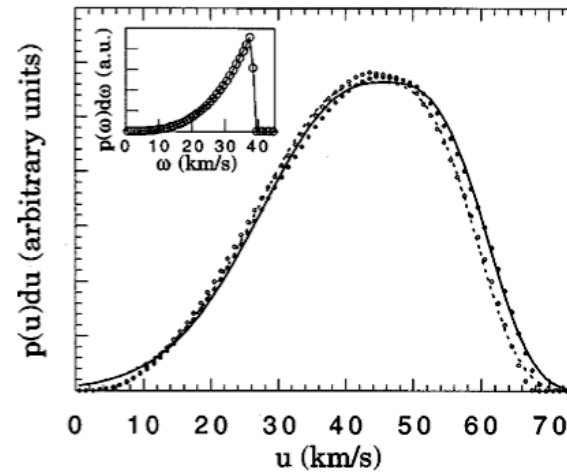
What else can you do with such a detector?

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Solar-bound WIMPs:
deposit ~ 100 less E_{rec}
than galaxy-bound,
concentrate all rate in narrow
spectral region (higher s/n)
Sub-keV threshold a must



The neutralino is not the only supersymmetric
Dark Matter candidate. Non-pointlike DM
(Q-balls, Mirror matter, etc.) call for
ultra-low threshold detectors



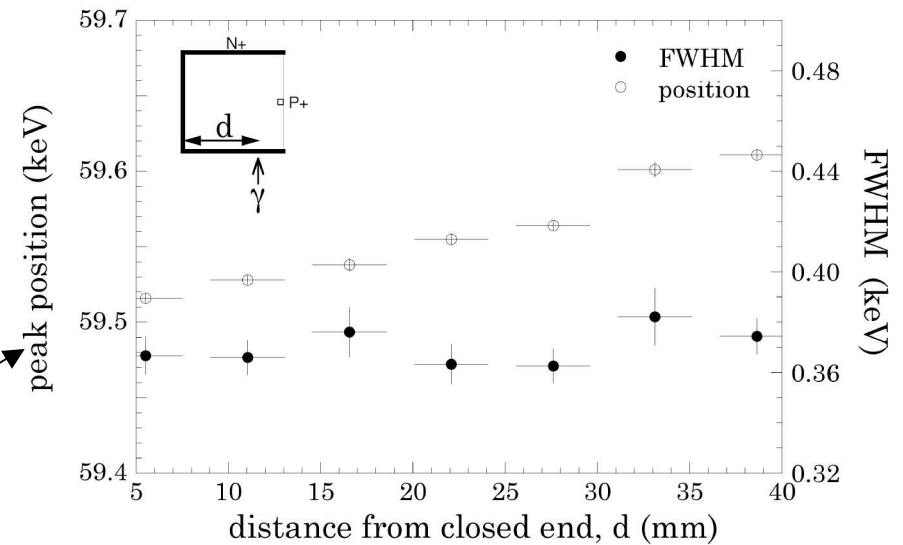
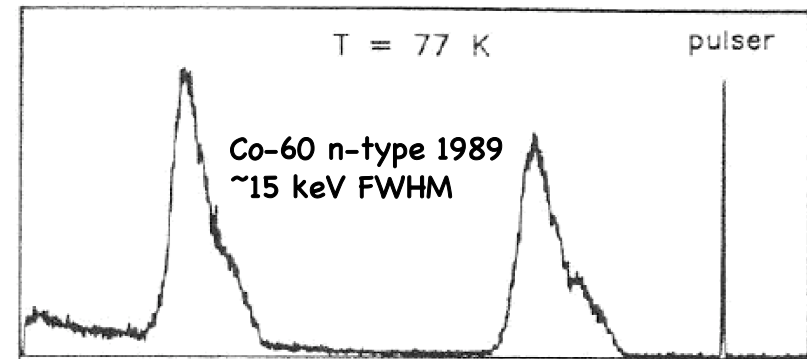
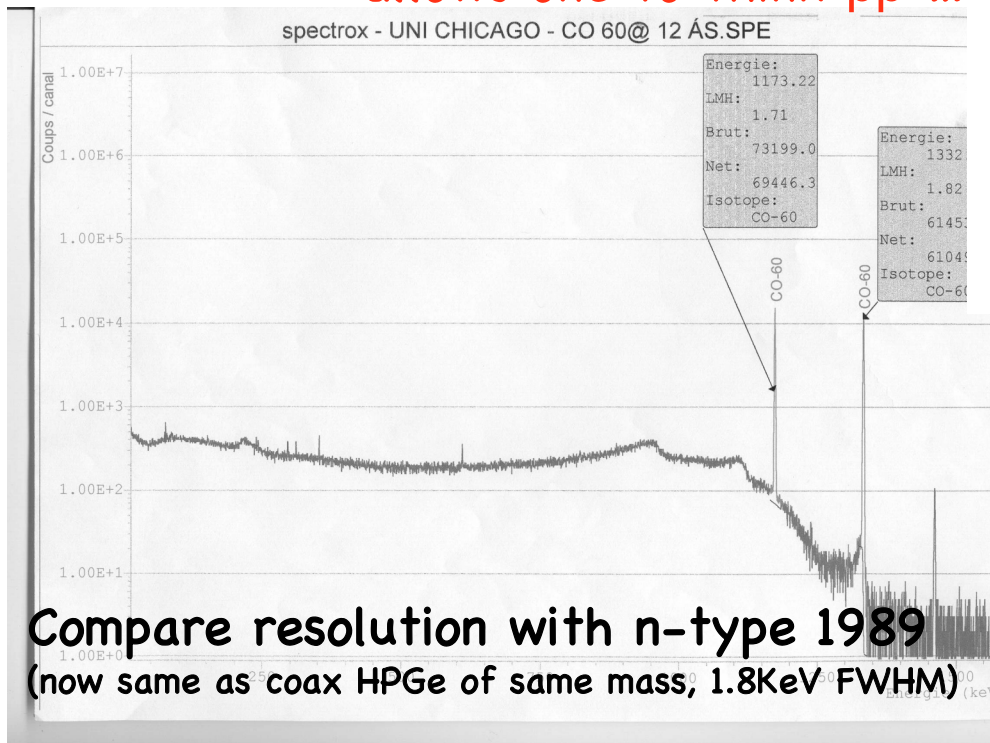


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MAJORANA: can we avoid segmentation altogether?
(cost, speed, simplicity, much lower front-end backgrounds)

Does this device have anything to offer in a $\beta\beta$ context?

Optimal E-resolution
allows one to think $\beta\beta$...



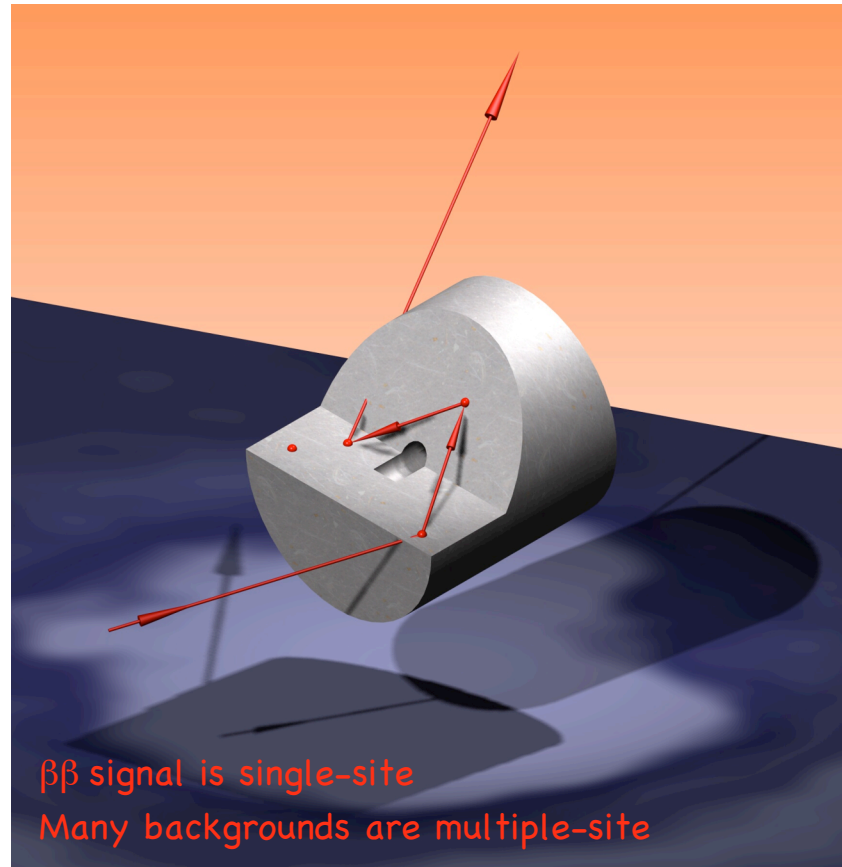
Also x20 improvement in
charge collection
in going to p-type





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How does a multiple-site interaction look in a modified-electrode HPGe?



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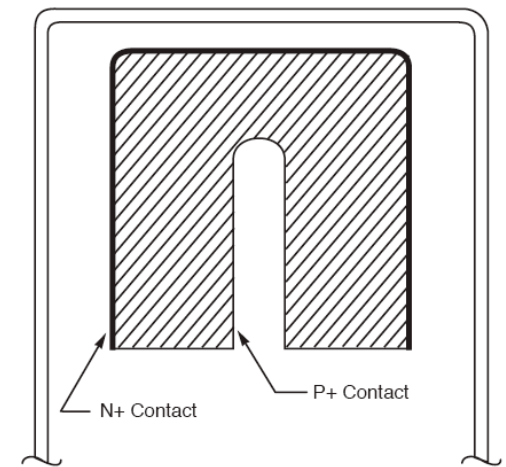
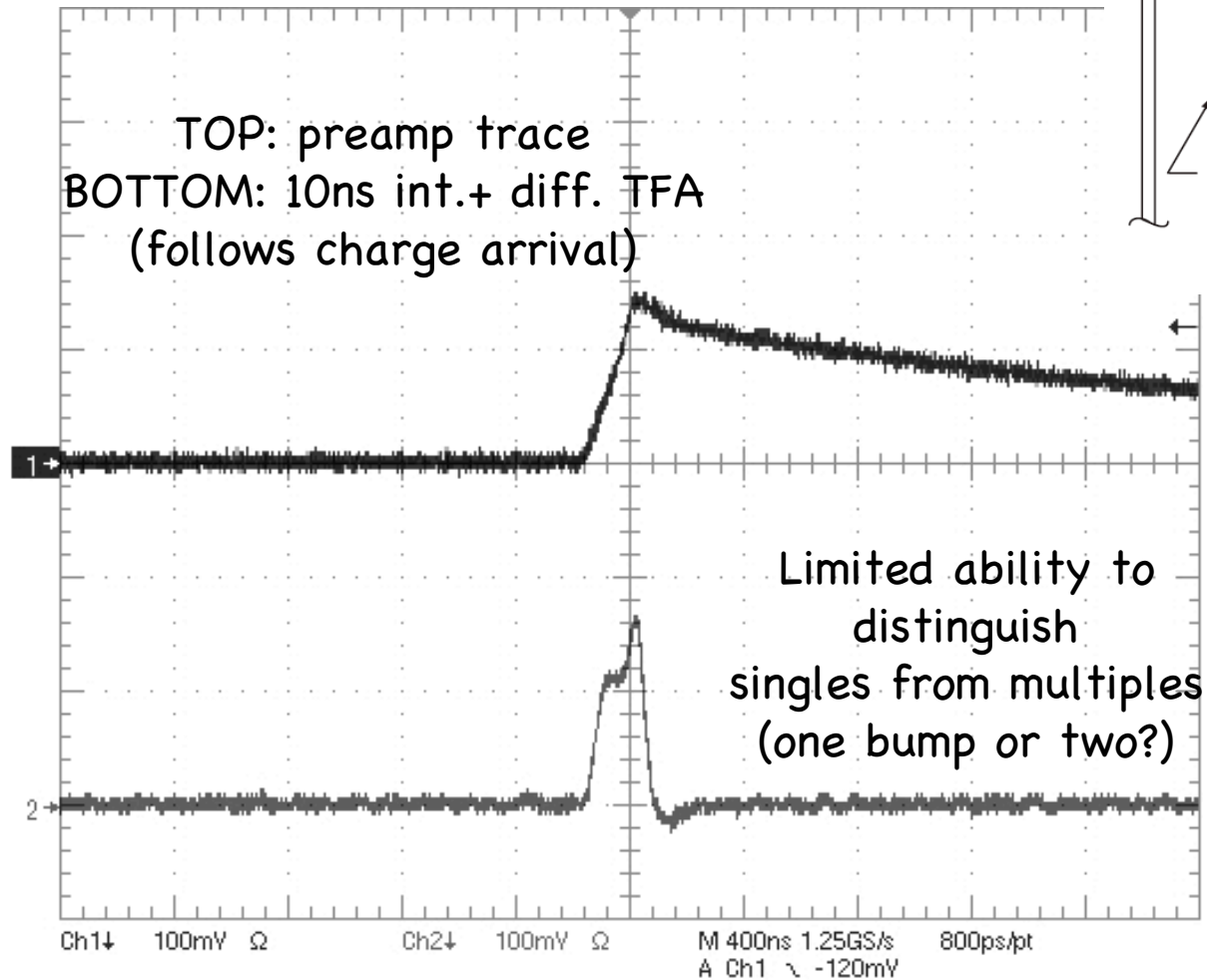


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That was then...



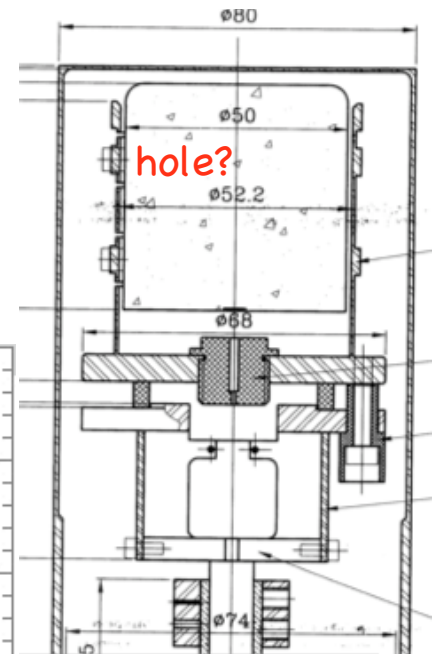
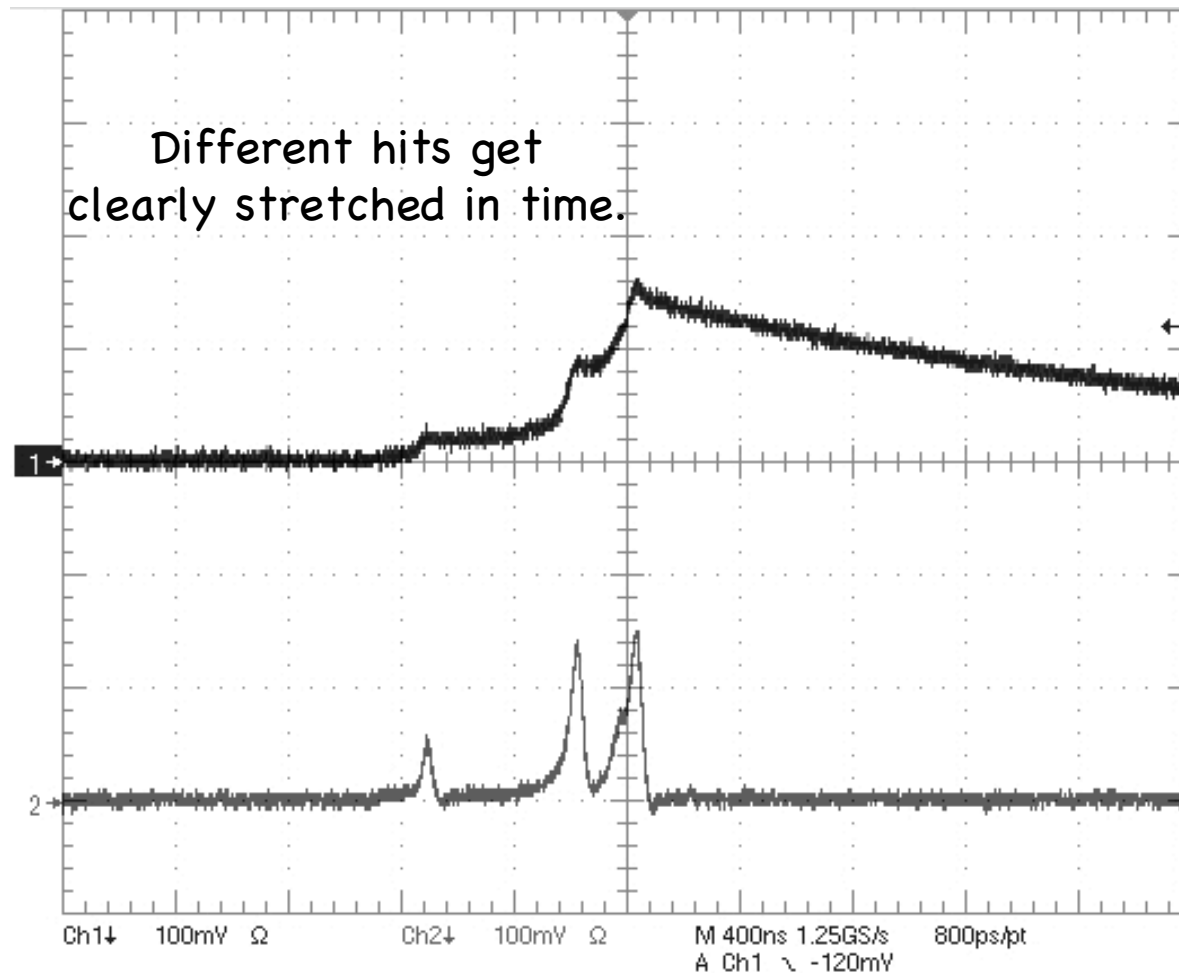
Coaxial Ge Detector Configuration





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This is now.



All this with
optimal energy
resolution and
charge collection
(and one channel)

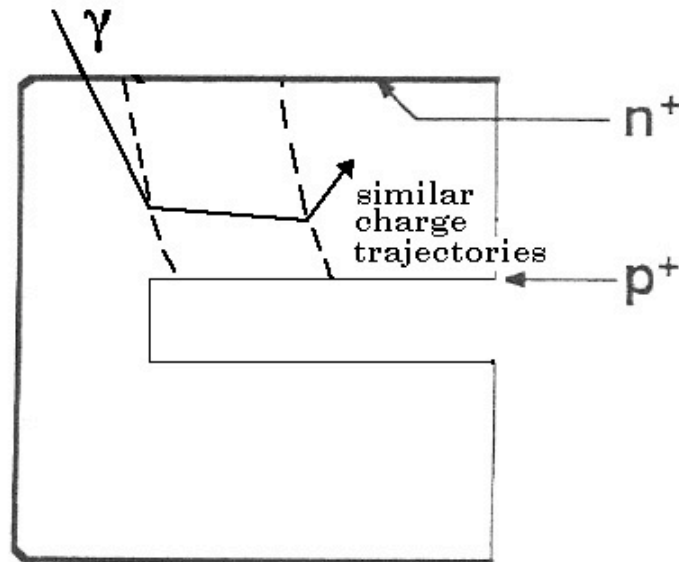


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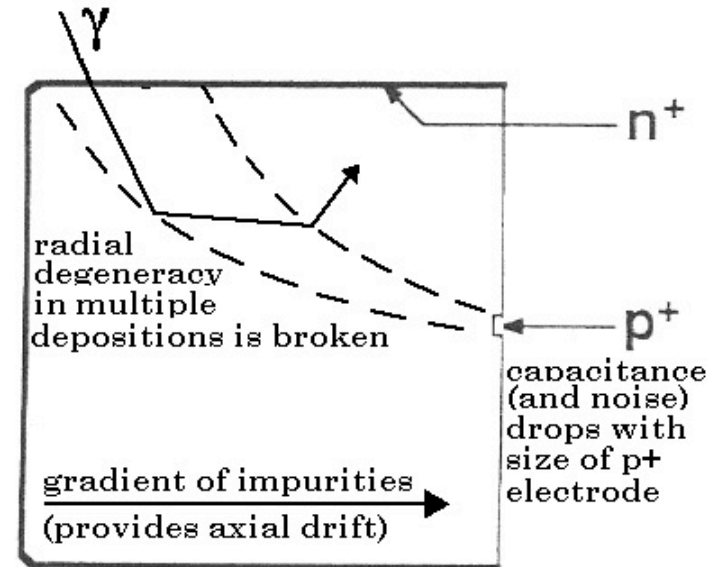


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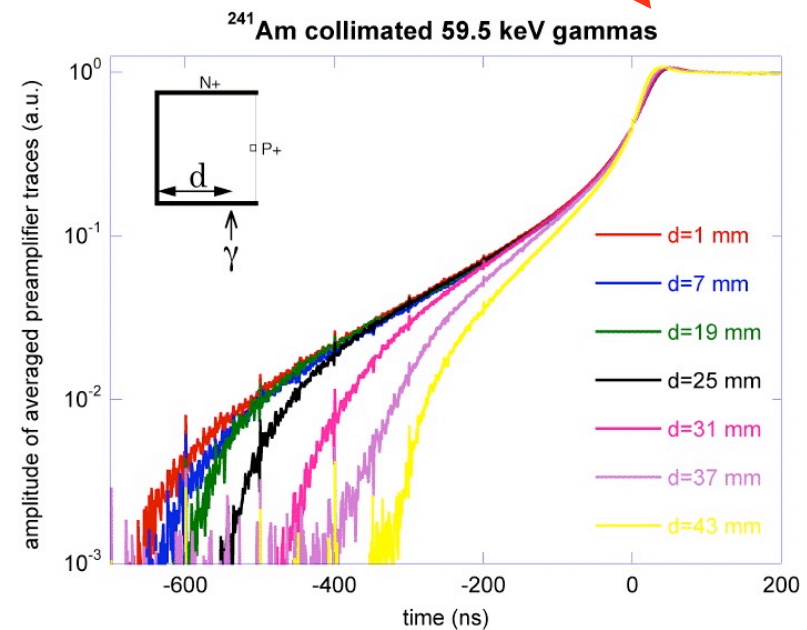
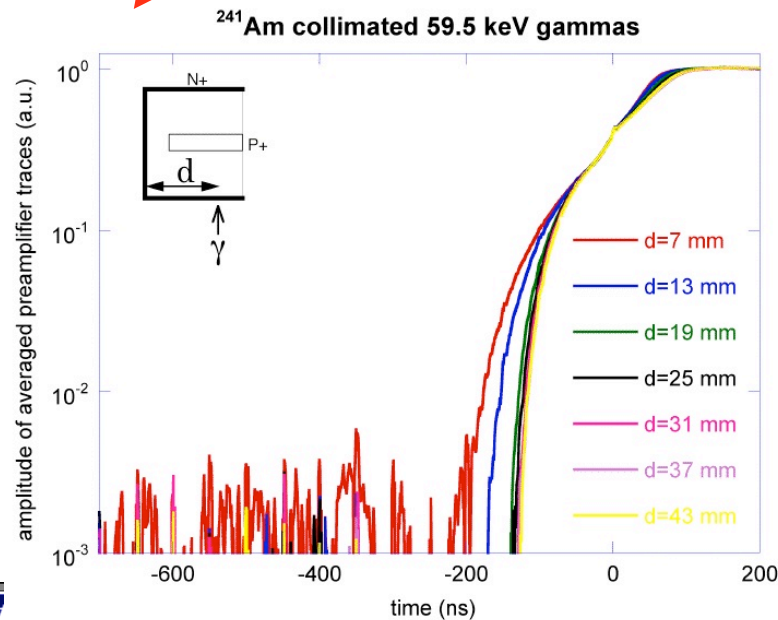
What is happening?



standard coaxial HPGe



P-type modified electrode

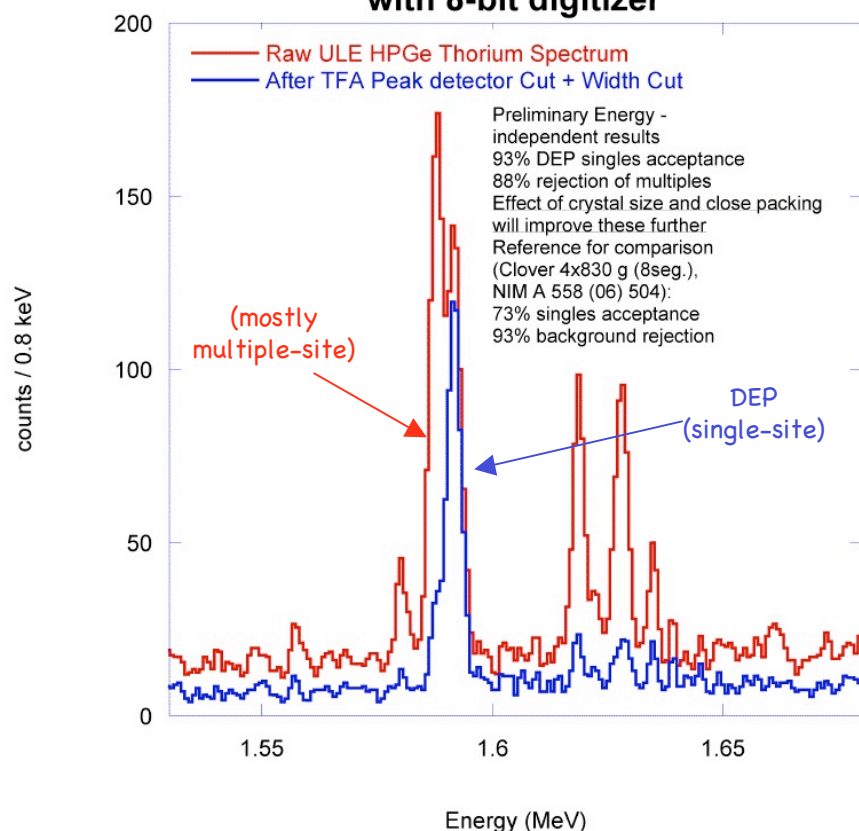




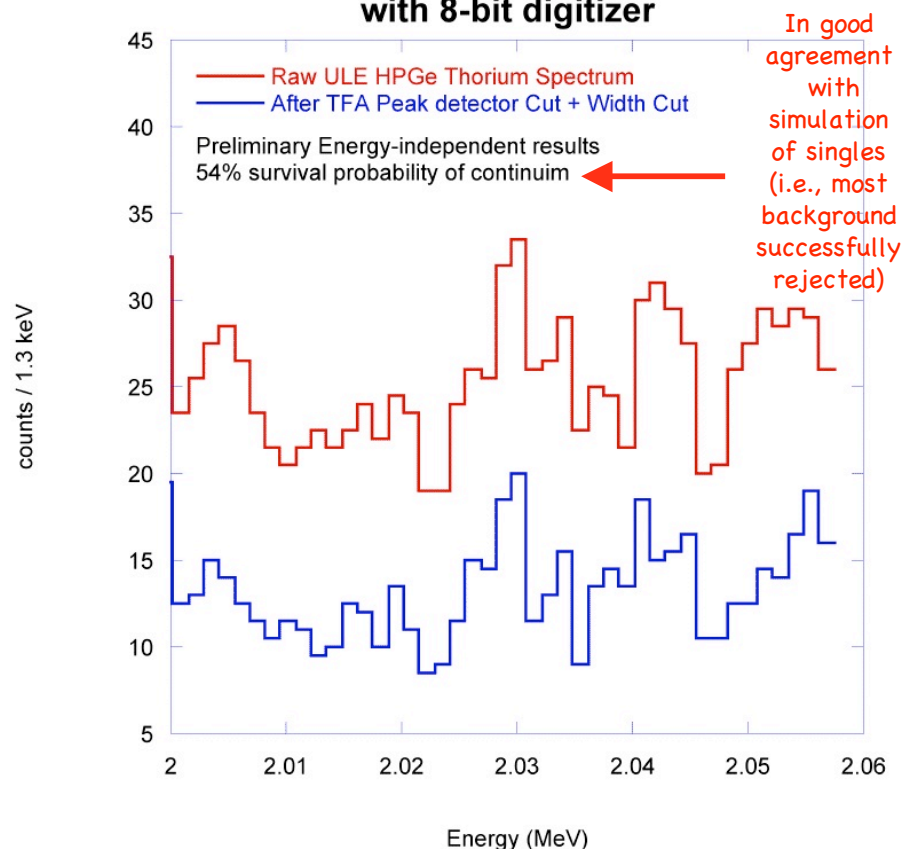
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Better signal acceptance / background rejection
than an 8-segment clover HPGGe (even before close packing!)
all with a single-channel device

Modified electrode p-type (475 g)
Thorium Spectrum
with 8-bit digitizer



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Advantages of single channel p-type modified electrode vis-à-vis segmentation for MAJORANA:

- Very efficient PSA rejection of multiples. All with one channel.
- Excellent energy resolution (1.8 keV Co-60, may drop some as noise is further improved)
- Increase speed of deployment/manufacture as long as... (is gradient of impurities reproducible? How important?)
- Increase simplicity of construction and analysis (one channel)
- Decrease cost (detectors and DAQ). Improve production time (cosmogenics)
- Decrease front end-associated radioactive backgrounds, thermal load, photon path.
- Increase stability (prototype performance stable for >5 continuous mo. and counting)
- Intrinsic to p-type: ruggedness (a must when arraying) and decreased sensitivity to surface contaminations.
- Several others (e.g., rejection of ALL alphas via PIXE -studies underway-)
- CANBERRA and PHDs Co. receptive to further fabrication (and further work on noise reduction).



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Disadvantages:

- Technology too new: too many unknowns in reproducibility, cost, speed of production, largest crystal size that can be produced, waste (important for $\beta\beta$), etc.
- Canberra's position: We need to build 6-10 more to know (they admit "lucking out"). Hopefully this will not change).

Solution:

- This fits perfectly with planned coherent ν program. Upcoming NSF proposal (3 yr) will be centered around this theme <- Help from rest of MAJORANA collaboration to maximize synergy: PNNL already funded to build more of these, ORNL seeking funding.
- Several kg of modified-electrode p-type HPGe's built by 2007!
- GOAL: Be by early next year counting at the Columbia Generating Station (Richland, WA, 12 mi. from PNNL) and simultaneously further developing the technique (i.e., building more of these). San Onofre? (offers more depth)

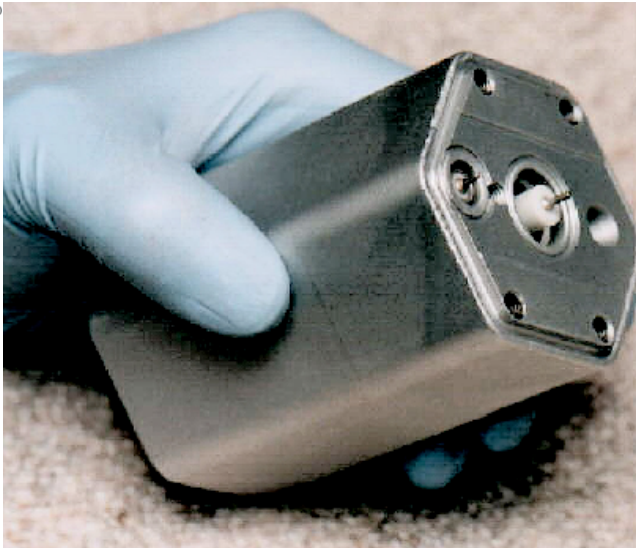


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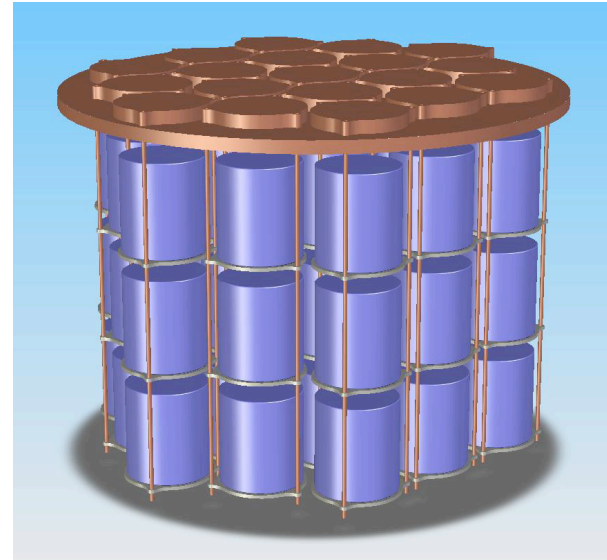


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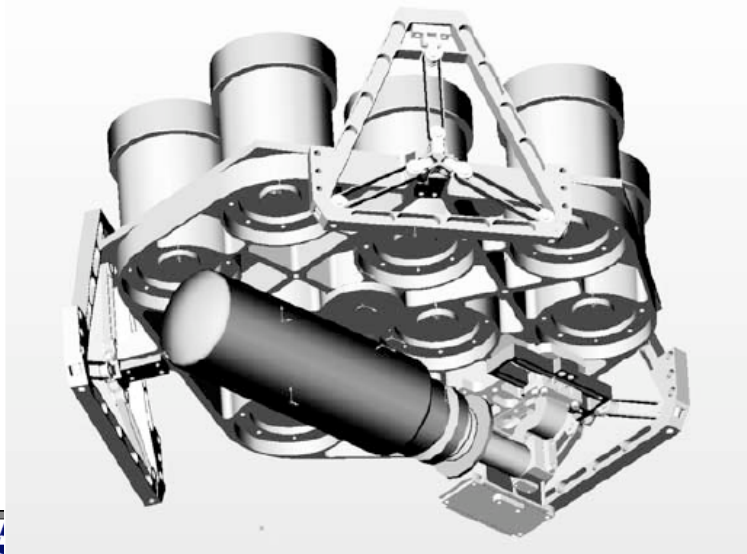
Reactor Monitoring: Right technological timing
(HPGe technology flourishing:
segmentation, encapsulation, arrays and (silent) mechanical cooling)



CLUSTER



MAJORANA



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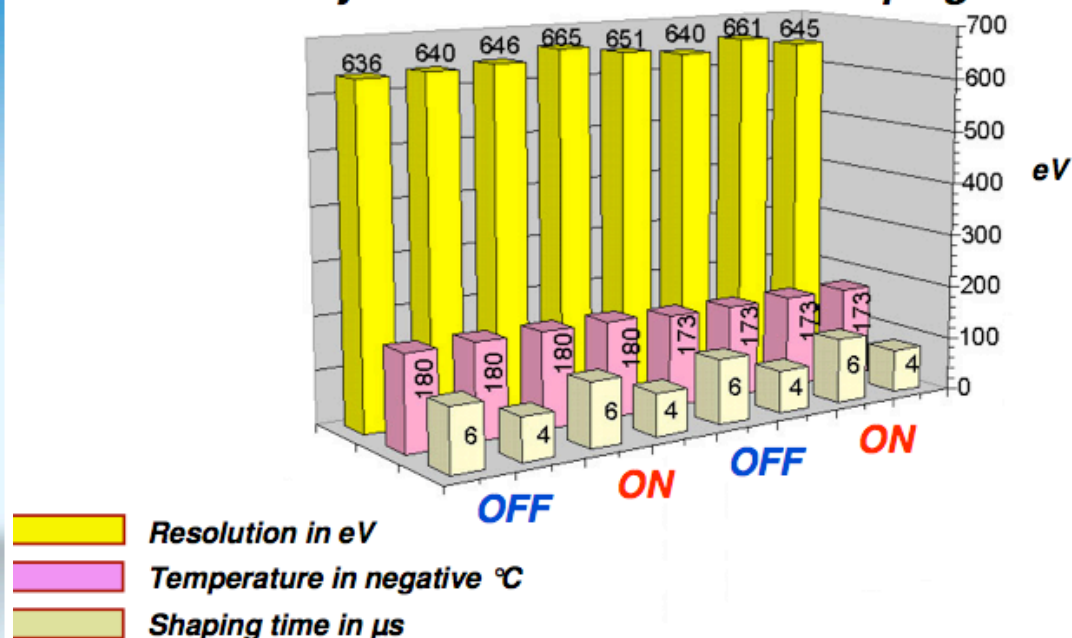


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**Measurements with a BEGe2020 detector
With CryoPulse 5 **ON** & **OFF** Vs shaping time**



New generation of recondensing Dewars add
no microphonic noise and need topping (not refilling)
every ~ 1yr (can be filled from N2 gas cylinder!)
Ideal for reactor deployment.



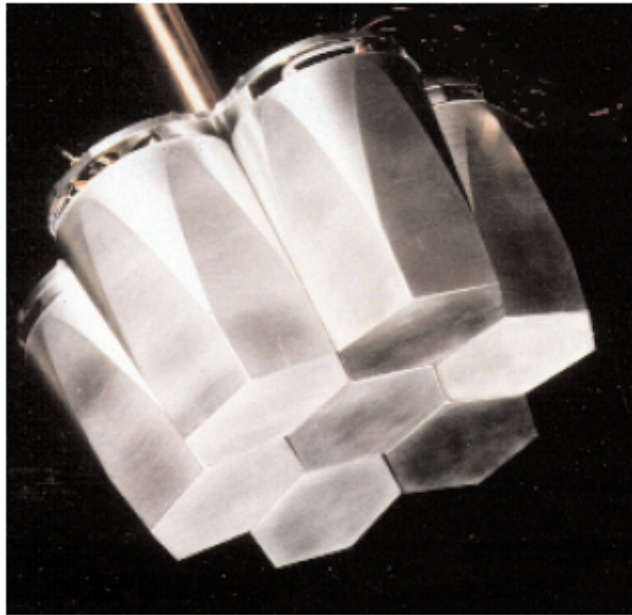
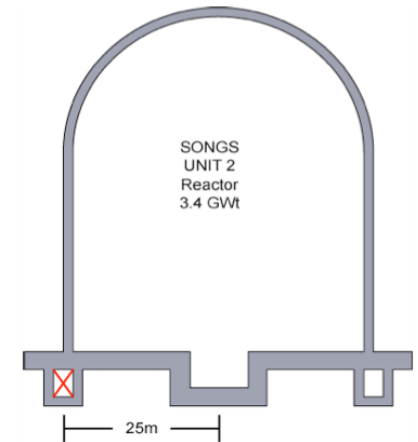


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11 kg,
encapsulated,
single cold finger
(CANBERRA)

A reality
fast approaching?

With 100 eV threshold,
the equivalent
of ~1 ton
liquid scintillator



CLUSTER array for EUROBALL
(7 encapsulated HPGe detectors)

Hexagonal tapering - diam.: 70 mm - height: 78 mm

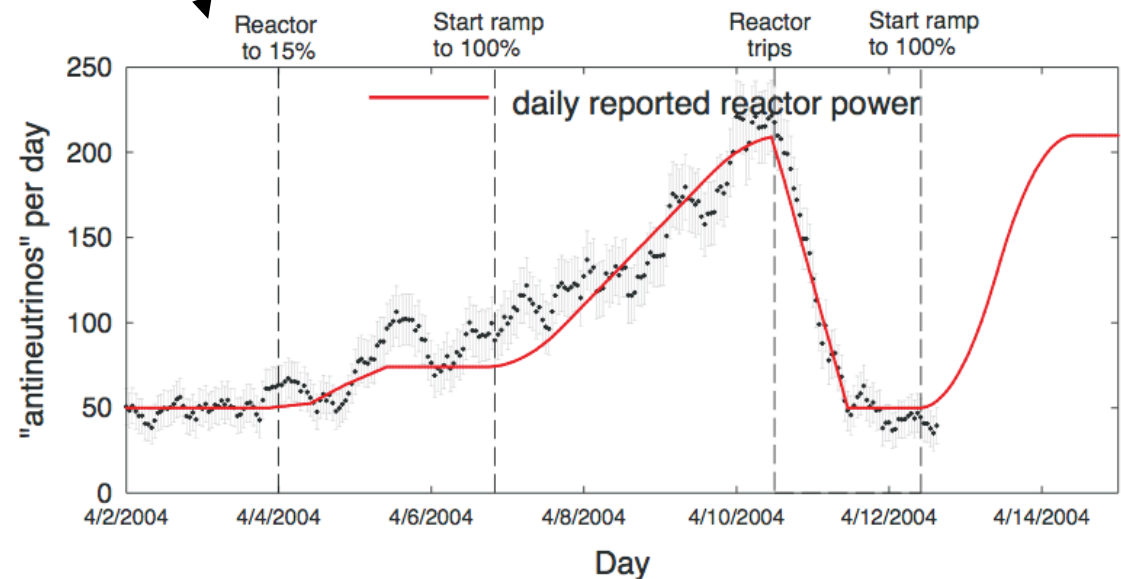
FWHM resolution : ≤ 2.3 keV

Efficiency: $\geq 55\%$

Alu wall thickness: 0.7 mm

Cap-to-Ge distance: 0.7 mm.

SANDS Sees Reactor Turn-on in Detail
(Antineutrino Rate, Running Average)



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Coherent neutrino detection:



I want to believe!



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